

are being done under various programmes of Directorate General Employment & Training, under Ministry of Labour.

Physical infrastructure and teaching segment for SSA

2907. SHRI VIJAY J. DARDA:
SHRI GIREESH KUMAR SANGHI:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the envisaged physical infrastructure and teaching-segment have been created for the Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA) till upper primary level;

(b) if so, whether the targets fixed during Tenth Plan period have been achieved; and

(c) whether the annual cost of Rs. 11,000 crores on SSA has been fully utilized?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALI ASHRAF FATMI): (a) and (b) As per Tenth Plan Working Group on Elementary Education of the Planning Commission, 10.66 lakh classrooms and an equal number of teachers were to be provided during the Tenth Plan period for the elementary education sector. Under the Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA) 11.17 lakh classrooms and 10.12 lakh teacher have been sanctioned till 31.03.07.

(c) Against the Budget Estimates of Rs. 11,000.00 crores for SSA in the Union Budget 2006-07 an expenditure of Rs. 10852.20 Crore which is 98.66% was incurred.

Requirement of Universities to increase enrolment

2908. DR. ABHISHEK MANU SINGHVI:
SHRI VIJAY J. DARDA:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that India needs nearly 1,500

universities to meet the goal of increasing enrolment to 15 percent by 2015;

(b) if so, whether a recent NASSCOM study has reported that only 10 per cent of Indian Graduates with general degrees are considered employable by major companies and our universities should not produce 'dummy graduates', but an efficient workforce; and

(c) the views of Government and the steps proposed to be taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI D. PURANDESWARI): (a) The targeted Gross Enrolment Ratio in Higher Education is 15 per cent by the end of the Eleventh Plan' i.e. 2012.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) Sectoral studies provide the perspective of specific sectors of the economy. However, there is a constant endeavour that Higher Education is made socially relevant, also in relation to market and economy. As such, Universities/Institutions of Higher education encourage the students to acquire the skills that Industry demands. The vocational Education/Career orientation programme of UGC has been initiated since 1994-95 and assistance to a tune of Rs. 270 crores have been provided by UGC to various Universities/ Institutions under this programme from 1994-95 to 2005-06.

Share of States in Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan

†2909. SHRI RAJ MOHINDER SINGH MAJITHA:
SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD:
DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have increased the share of the State Governments from 25 per cent to 50 per cent in tots! amount to be spent In States under Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan;

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.